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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT : Progress report, August 15-21.

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1. The second of three scheduled seminars on the USSR was conducted by on the topic The role of the peasant in the Soviet system. were present. Only Agency personnel attended (in comparison with the previous week). The third seminar will be conducted by on August 25 on the subject Economic planning in the Soviet. An announcement to all offices has gone out.

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2. Attendance at the afternoon lectures has increased. The fact that has attracted a peak of and only indicates that it is the man, rather than the subject matter, the USSR, that is the drawing card. Even following, however, is 400% better than our low of .

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3. has been scheduled for three sessions outside of the regular program: one session at the Intelligence School and two with OCI. He reports an "excellent" session at the school. The first OCI session is today and no report is yet available.

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